



Vance Virgil Willits

February 8, 1944 - March 9, 2015

Vance Virgil Willits, 71, of Grand Island, died at his home on March 9, 2015. To honor Vance's wishes, cremation has been chosen, with no formal funeral service; however, his family would like to pay tribute and celebrate his life with a Memorial Gathering to be held from 2:30 to 4:30 PM on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Pam's Pub and Grub in Grand Island. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

He is survived by his daughters, Luisa Willits and Gina Crisci, both of TX; brother, Vinson and Char Willits of FL; sisters, Vicki and Del Poole of CA, and Vanita and Mike Aloisio of MI; fiancé, Pat Cross of Grand Island; step-mother, Melba Willits of York; beloved kitties, Poco Ono and Boo Barrymore; and a host of extended family and friends.

Vance is preceded in death by his son, Virgil Willits; mother, Virginia "Jid" Willits (Copeland) of Grand Island; father, Virg Willits of York.

Vance Virgil Willits was born on February 8, 1944, in Columbus, the son of Virginia and Virg Willits.

In 1965, he married the mother of his children, Elena Crisci.

He was raised and received his education in Silver Creek; he graduated from Silver Creek High School in 1962. He continued his education at Platte Technical Community College, and graduated in 1977.

Vance served in the U.S. Navy from 1962 to 1973. He was a Vietnam War Vet, with multiple decorations, including one Bronze Star.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed at Triad / Merrick Machine Co. in Alda, and Hornady Manufacturing Co. in Grand Island.

He was formerly a member of the local Vietnam Vet's motorcycle club, and special friend of Bill W. and Bob S.

Vance will always be remembered as a loving father, brother, companion and good friend. He had a great sense of humor and an infectious laugh that brought a smile to everyone. He was a fine craftsman and artisan of model trains and military vehicles. And his other hobbies included Harley Davidsons and muzzle loading.

In lieu of gifts or flowers, memorials are suggested to Goodwill Industries of Grand Island.

Tribute Wall



“ *Vance Virgil Willits*

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“ *Vance was a friend and fellow veteran. He always said hi when he saw us out and often talked about our Silver Creek days and my buddy Vince. I will miss his humor and his smiling face. A family friend forever! Chuck & Tootie Haase*

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